

Lectures Upon Palestine.

Last week a young man from Akron, Ohio, Mr. Marshall, visited Ashland and gave two lectures upon his travels through Egypt and the Holy Land. He was an interesting speaker, and delivered his discourses in a conversational style, and taking his audience with him, as it were, in a new journey over the route of travel.

A brief synopsis of his lecture would not seem in place here, but there were points of interest in his remarks upon Palestine which will certainly entertain the reader.

The speaker, being a young man, took hold of many items which he viewed with the thoughts of the Second Coming of Christ before him, which made the discourses doubly interesting.

One of the places of peculiar interest, was the cave of Machpelah, the place where Abraham was buried. It is believed by scholars that his remains can be found in the cave today, and with them the embalmed body of Joseph, who was sold into Egypt, and later became the second ruler of the kingdom. But no Christian can gain admission to it. The country is still under the dominion of the Mohammedans and out of a superstitious reverence, no human being is ever permitted to learn any thing about the interior of the cave or its contents. So far, money has not been able to buy admittance into it, nor has any other consideration been able to get a passport to go within.

God is undoubtedly serving his own wise purposes in this, and no doubt there is reposing with the bones of the father of the faithful, Abraham, such evidence, could it be reached, that would forever seal the mouth of the infidel and skeptic against making arguments against the Bible. When God's own appointed time has come, then the barrier will be taken away and the chamber where Abraham rests will be visited by Christian teachers and scholars. Yea, his body, too, is likely embalmed and when Christ comes and the resurrection of the just shall take place, the embalmed body will arise from its slumber of thousands of years, and again bow in obedience to the Eternal God—but the body will then be incorruptible, to be sure.

Another place of interest was old Samaria. Jacob's well remains to this day, and so do the customs of the time of Christ. There is also a traditional tomb of Joseph in this region. The Samaritans were divided from the Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem, and of course when the Temple service could no longer be kept up, as the Temple was destroyed, the Samaritans still kept up their worship. The Passover is kept to this day. There the speaker saw two women grinding at a mill, and the old, old custom, by the providence of God has been kept up there, and will be kept up until Christ comes, so that there will be a literal fulfillment of the Savior's prophecy.

Another place of interest was the plain of Esdraelon, the battlefield of the earth. Dr. Clark says: 'Warriors out of every nation under heaven have pitched their tents in the Plain of Esdraelon, and have held the various banners of their nation wet

with the dews of Hermon and Tabor.'

This Plain is the Armageddon of Rev. 16:16, and here 'the battle of that great day of God Almighty' will be fought. In that Plain of Esdraelon. The Revelator saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. The Revelator farther says that 'They are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of the great day.' The sixth angel pours out his vial of the wrath of God, which will dry up the rivers so that the 'kings of the east might be prepared.'

It is worth while to stop a moment and soberly view the scene, in anticipation, of that wonderful battle, as it is rapidly approaching.

This battle will be fought in the Plains of Esdraelon by soldiers of Christian nations on one side, lead by England, Russia and probably the United States, with zealous Christian soldiers out of every Christian country under heaven. But England will be the chief power. She now has virtual control of Egypt on the west which will be necessary for the successful work of the Christian army. England has chief control of the Suez canal, which God has caused to be made for the speedy transportation of soldiers, and she is also mistress of the Mediterranean sea. Russian armies will attack the Turkish empire on the north and drive it south into this Plain. At this time the miracle working spirits that looked like frogs, will urge the Mohammedan kings all through Africa and Asia and the isles to hasten into Palestine to resist the advancing armies from the north and by the Mediterranean sea, and to be effectual they will be able to perform certain miracles, and will persuade them. God will aid them by drying up the river Euphrates. There is little progress in the people of that land and there are no bridges, except now and then one, and the river, of its usual size would greatly hinder a marching army.

The fanaticism of the Moslems will be worked up to the highest pitch by the frog looking spirits, and they will gather by millions into Palestine, to the contest that they will feel must be the triumph of their religion, or will be its end. The plain of Armageddon is about two hundred and fifty feet below the level of the Mediterranean sea. The supposition is that the Christian armies will succeed in driving the Turks into this valley, and then the earthquake of Rev. 16:18 will break the banks of the sea two hundred and fifty feet above, and the whole army will be drowned like Pharaoh and his hosts were in the sea.

At any rate the Moslems are slowly losing his foothold in Europe, and a great contest between them and Christian nations is coming rapidly on.

Soon after this great battle, the Pope and his power will be

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destroyed from the face of the earth by the direct wrath of God, which will mark the coming of Christ. Christ was very particular to tell us to watch for him, and be ready, and this line of Christian thought should now receive earnest attention, that the Lord does not come upon us as a thief in the night.

At Jerusalem the lecturer met a band of Christians who came there from Chicago, Illinois, to await the coming of Christ. They had all things common, as did the church at Jerusalem, in the days of the apostles.

There are thousands of pilgrims coming from all parts of the earth, and especially from Russia. Russia has peculiar interest in the Holy Land, and he said there was not a city in that vast country of any considerable size that did not have Holy Water—that is water that was dipped out of Jordan by pilgrims, and carried back. Many other highly interesting things, were told, of which there is not space to write about now.

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Wheeling	7:10	10:15	9:25	11:30	12:40
Bellaire	7:47	10:52	10:02	11:02	12:12
Zanesville	10:12	1:13	12:47	5:07	8:57
Newark	2:25	2:25	3:00	6:30	6:40
Ar. Columbus	3:25	12:25	8:00	7:35	
Ar. Cincinnati	7:30	7:30	7:30		
Louisville	12:40	12:40	7:00		
St. Louis	6:40	6:40	7:40		

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Lv. Columbus	9:45	11:05	11:20	12:30	14:55
Mansfield	12:40	12:55	4:07	10:25	9:30
Ar. Sandusky		8:00	7:00	12:30	
Lv. Tiffin	3:15	7:58	8:52	1:07	10:30
Ar. Chicago	8:05	4:50	5:30		6:55

EAST BOUND.

	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
Lv. Chicago	7:05	18:10	10:25		9:05
Postoria	1:30	5:30	6:40	1:28	12:05
Tiffin	1:49	5:52	7:15	1:07	12:28
Sandusky		6:25	7:40	2:00	am
Ar. Mansfield	4:14	8:42	9:53	5:28	2:00
Lv. Cincinnati	7:10	7:10	7:20		
Columbus	11:05	11:05	11:20	4:55	
Lv. Newark	8:10	12:15	12:40	6:20	4:10
Zanesville	5:53	1:04	1:33	7:05	5:53
Bellaire	6:12	3:25	4:40		
Wheeling	6:50	4:00	5:30		11:25
Ar. Pittsburgh		6:45	8:10		4:00
Washington	9:45	9:45	7:30		
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